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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON INTERNATIONAL
LAW COMMISSION

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1. BANGLADESH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPT OF THE CANDIDACY
OF BANGLADESHI JUSTICE MUNIM FOR THE RECENTLY VACATED SEAT
ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT
FOR MUNIM. WE HAVE RESPONDED WITH A NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
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BANGLADESH AND HAS THE HONOR TO REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S RE-
QUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE CANDI-
DACY OF JUSTICE F. K. M. A. MUNIM FOR ELECTION TO THE
VACANCY ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION CAUSED BY THE
DEATH OF FORMER AMBASSADOR EDWARD HAMBRO OF NORWAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 11 OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTER-

NATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, THE VACANCY WILL BE FILLED AT A CASUAL ELECTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS AND NOT AS INSTRUCTED REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE MUNIM OR ANY OTHER CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS OF JUSTICE MUNIM AND WILL BRING THE INFORMATION OF HIS CANDIDACY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE US NATIONAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. UNQUOTE

2. BDG EMBASSY MINISTER KABIR INITIALLY OFFERED BANGLADESH'S SUPPORT FOR US CANDIDACY TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (SEE ALSO REFTEL) AS A QUID-PRO-QUO FOR OUR VOTE FOR MUNIM. HE LATER REPORTED THAT BDG OFFER OF SUPPORT AND REQUEST RE MUNIM WERE ONLY COINCIDENTIAL AND NOT TIED.

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